

REMARKS

Applicants believe that the following comments overcome the rejections set forth in the August 13, 2003 Office Action and that the rejections should be withdrawn.

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I. THE INVENTION

Generally, the present invention is a system for accessing electronic data via a familiar printed medium. Specifically, the familiar printed medium is a printed document issued by an educational institution having at least one machine recognizable feature, which may be one of various embodiments including, but not limited to, a watermark, bar code, invisible bar code, magnetic code, printed character, invisible icon, etc. In the present invention, these machine recognizable features are scanned or sensed and converted into an electronic signal, which is transmitted to be processed. The processing results in the display of programming material related to the information contained in the printed document. Importantly, the present invention is designed to allow a user to access programming material related to the information contained in the printed document to supplement the information provided by the printed document.

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II. THE EXAMINER'S REJECTIONS

The Examiner rejected claims 168, 311, and 314 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 5,932,863 (hereinafter referred to as "the '863 patent"). "Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because they all recited [sic] the same limitations" (August 19, 2003 Office Action, p. 3).

III. THE EXAMINER'S REJECTIONS SHOULD BE WITHDRAWN

The Examiner rejected claims 168, 311, and 314 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 1 of the '863 patent. In response, Applicants are filing a Terminal Disclaimer herewith to overcome the Examiner's double patenting rejection.

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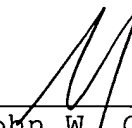
CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that all pending claims represent a patentable contribution to the art and are in condition for allowance. No new matter has been added. Early and
5 favorable action is accordingly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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